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The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following developments in world agriculture and trade.

GRAIN AND FEED

SOVIET Spring Seeding Progresses. Soviet press reports indicate that as of May 25, spring crops had been planted on 107.3 million hectares which was 75 percent of plan. Small grains and pulses accounted for 62.2 million hectares, 74 percent of plan.

Date	All Spring Crops (Million Hectares)	Small Grains & Pulses (Million Hectares)
1987 May 25	107.3	62.2
1986 May 26	118.3	N/A <u>1/</u>
1985 May 27	119.5	71.9
1984 May 28	124.6	74.7
1983 May 23	112.5	66.2
1982 May 24	119.2	71.3
1981 May 25	117.8	73.6
1980 May 26	123.1	82.1

1/ Not published but reports stated that it was 81 percent of plan.

Record Rice Production Predicted for PERU. Peru's 1987/88 rice production is estimated at a record 1.2 million tons, more than twice the level of last year's drought-reduced crop of 597,000 tons. This estimate is based on a recent harvest season tour of major rice producing areas by the U.S. agricultural attache in Lima. Abundant irrigation water together with ideal weather conditions have boosted estimated yields to a new high. Guaranteed producer prices of around US\$200 per ton and readily available, low-cost production credits have resulted in an estimated increase of almost 50 percent in the area under rice production to a record 215,000 hectares.

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DAIRY, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Soviet Union Posts Meat Production Gains. In the USSR, meat production on state and collective farms for January-April was up 8 percent, according to the Soviet Economic Gazette. For individual meats, beef production was up 11 percent, pork up 6 percent and poultry meat up 3 percent. Output of sheep and goat meat was 6 percent less than in January-April 1986. The 8-percent increase reported in total meat production is the same as reported for January-March. For the January-April period, milk production was up 5 percent with all of the increase due to higher per cow yields. Egg output was up 3 percent due to expanded numbers of laying hens.

The same report indicates that growth in livestock numbers on state and collective farms has paused and some declines were noted. May 1 cattle numbers were 98.8 million head, with 29.1 million of that cows. Compared to May 1, 1986, cow numbers are down 0.2 million and total cattle numbers were off 0.1 million head. Hog numbers were reported at 59.0 million head, 0.2 million above May 1986. Sheep and goat numbers were 145.5 million, 0.5 million below 1986. Following two months of no growth, poultry numbers were reported to have increased about 2 percent.

TOBACCO

WORLD Tobacco Production Up. World unmanufactured tobacco production in 1987 is forecast at 6.5 million tons, 8 percent above last year, but 6 percent below the record 6.9 million tons produced in 1982. The total unmanufactured tobacco crop in China, the world's largest producer, is forecast at 2.1 million tons, 25 percent above last year's drought-reduced crop, but 4 percent below 1982's record level of 2.2 million tons. Government attempts to control production by stressing quality rather than quantity will continue; high-quality leaf will continue to be supported by favorable procurement prices. On the other hand, prices for lower grades will fall. Tobacco area is not expected to expand significantly due to competition from other crops. In the United States, total unmanufactured tobacco production is projected up 8 percent due to a 4-percent increase in planted area and high yields. This year's effective production quotas for flue-cured and burley are up.

Other major tobacco producing countries with larger crop prospects include India, Brazil, Indonesia, Turkey, Italy, Zimbabwe, Bulgaria, Korea, Philippines and Argentina. Production is forecast up for many of these countries due to an increase in planted area as a result of strong demand and favorable tobacco prices. Smaller crops are forecast for Japan, Poland, Yugoslavia, Pakistan and Canada.

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The 1987 world flue-cured tobacco crop is forecast at 3.4 million tons, 15 percent above last year's crop. In China, the world's largest producer, production is forecast up 30 percent from last year. In the United States, the world's second largest producer, production is forecast up 7 percent from last year as a result of an increase in planted area. Production is also forecast up slightly in Brazil, the world's third largest producer. As in China, last year's Brazilian crop was affected by drought. In Canada, the 1987 flue-cured crop is expected to fall 14 percent. Canadian tobacco growers continue to face an uncertain future due to weak domestic demand, government legislation to restrict tobacco advertising, and the unlikely prospect that the proposal for a National Tobacco Marketing Agency will come to fruition. Other major flue-cured producers with smaller projected crops include Japan, Poland, Italy, Thailand, Pakistan and Yugoslavia.

World burley tobacco production in 1987 is projected at 636,000 tons, 6 percent above last year. Production in the United States, the world's largest producer, is forecast up 18 percent due to a 6-percent increase in planted area and higher yields. Production is also forecast up in Italy and Brazil, the second and third largest producers, respectively. Larger crops also are expected in China and Japan where increased emphasis has been placed on expanding burley output.

World oriental tobacco production is forecast at 935,000 tons, down slightly from last year. In the Soviet Union, the world's largest producer, output is projected to be in line with last year. Output in Turkey, the number 2 producer, may increase 8 percent due to favorable support prices coupled with the government's intention to encourage increased tobacco plantings. Production prospects are down 10 percent in Greece, the world's third largest producer, due to a decline in planted area. In Bulgaria, output is projected to remain essentially unchanged due to lack of additional land with suitable soil and growing conditions. There is some concern about the late spring and reduced irrigation supplies; however, preliminary indications point to adequate soil moisture.

The 1987 world dark air/sun-cured tobacco crop is forecast at 1.09 million tons, 2 percent above last year. In India, the world's largest producer, output is forecast down slightly from last year. Output in China, the world's second largest producer, also is projected down slightly. Production is expected to be in line with last year's crop in Burma, the world's third largest producer. Production prospects are up in several major producing countries including Indonesia, Brazil, Colombia and Paraguay.

World unmanufactured tobacco production for 1987 and 1986 by leaf type, is forecast as follows in 1,000 metric tons:

Leaf Type	Revised 1986	Forecast 1987
Flue-cured	2,999.4	3,446
Burley	601.8	636
Oriental	938.1	935
Dark air/sun-cured	1,071.5	1,090
Light air-cured	132.6	109
Dark air-cured, cigar	201.9	210
Dark fire-cured	68.5	58
Total 1/	6,013.8	6,484

1/ Individual types may not add to total due to rounding.

COCOA

Cocoa Crop in ECUADOR Revised Downward. The 1986/87 cocoa forecast for Ecuador has been lowered to 90,000 tons, 10,000 less than previously forecast, according to the U.S. agricultural attache in Quito. The new forecast for 1986/87 is considered a return to more normal production levels. In 1984/85 Ecuador recorded a record crop of 128,000 tons followed by a 112,000-ton crop the next season.

SUGAR

YUGOSLAVIA'S Sugar Production Forecast Up. Sugar production in Yugoslavia for 1987 is forecast at 970,000 tons (raw value), up 12 percent or 100,000 tons from a year ago, according to the U.S. agricultural counselor in Belgrade. The expected rise in production is the result of a 27-percent expansion of the 1987 seeding plan, coupled with the government's 35-percent-producer-price increase. Area for harvest in 1987 is forecast at 155,000 hectares, a record high, 5 percent more than the previous high of 147,000 hectares harvested in both 1981 and 1985.

CREDIT NOTES

P.L. 480 Agreements Signed With GUATEMALA and EL SALVADOR. The \$18-million P.L. 480 agreement with Guatemala provides for the sale of 118,000 tons of wheat and 10,000 tons of vegetable oil. The \$36-million agreement with El Salvador provides for 100,000 tons of wheat/flour, 28,000 tons of vegetable oil and 32,000 tons of tallow.

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EXPORT ENHANCEMENT INITIATIVES

The status of USDA's Export Enhancement Program as of May 28, 1987, was as follows in metric tons:

ANNOUNCED INITIATIVES	DATE ANNOUNCED	QUANTITY/RESULTS
68. Bangladesh wheat	May 22, '87	100,000
67. Soviet Union wheat	Apr. 30, '87	4,000,000 COMPLETE
66. Turkey rice	Apr. 3, '87	70,000
65. Colombia barley malt	Apr. 3, '87	15,000
64. Iraq table eggs	Feb. 20, '87	189 million eggs
63. Canary Islands poultry	Feb. 9, '87	5,000 Sold 4,000
62. Nigeria wheat	Jan. 28, '87	500,000
61. China wheat	Jan. 26, '87	1,000,000 COMPLETE
60. Iraq wheat	Jan. 16, '87	800,000 Sold 440,000
59. Switzerland barley or sorghum	Jan. 16, '87	250,000 Sold 9,000
58. Poland wheat	Jan. 7, '87	500,000 COMPLETE
57. Poland barley or sorghum	Dec. 31, '86	200,000 Sold 137,000
56. Romania wheat	Dec. 23, '86	250,000
55. Iraq poultry	Dec. 22, '86	60,000 Sold 25,000
54. Dominican Republic table eggs	Dec. 9, '86	25 million eggs Sold 11.1 million eggs
53. Zanzibar wheat flour	Dec. 9, '86	20,000 Sold 6,000
52. Tunisia barley	Dec. 1, '86	150,000
51. Gulf countries (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates) dairy cattle	Oct. 30, '86	1,500 head Sold 740
50. West Africa (Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo) wheat	Oct. 30, '86	345,000 Sold 79,500
49. Dominican Republic poultry	Oct. 29, '86	1,500 Sold 1,133
48. Philippines barley malt	Oct. 20, '86	60,000 Sold 25,000
47. Cameroon wheat flour	Oct. 14, '86	20,000
46. Romania barley	Sept. 24, '86	200,000 Sold 125,000
45. Venezuela barley malt	Sept. 4, '86	100,000
44. Cyprus barley	Aug. 26, '86	150,000 Sold 108,000
43. Canary Islands wheat	Aug. 8, '86	100,000
42. Egypt semolina	Aug. 6, '86	30,000 Sold 23,000
41. Soviet Union wheat	Aug. 1, '86	4,000,000 EXPIRED
40. Canary Is. dairy cattle	July 28, '86	3,000 head COMPLETE
39. Hong Kong table eggs	July 28, '86	44 million eggs COMPLETE
38. Senegal wheat	July 17, '86	100,000 COMPLETE
37. India vegetable oil	July 8, '86	25,000 COMPLETE
36. Jordan barley	June 17, '86	60,000
35. Israel barley	June 17, '86	200,000 Sold 66,682
34. Tunisia dairy cattle	May 29, '86	4,000 head COMPLETE

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EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM INITIATIVES (CONT)

33. Algeria dairy cattle	May 29, '86	5,000 head	COMPLETE
32. Sri Lanka wheat	May 16, '86	125,000	COMPLETE
	March 5, '87	95,000	Sold 85,000
31. Saudi Arabia barley	May 7, '86	500,000	COMPLETE
	Aug. 6, '86	250,000	COMPLETE
	Sept. 16, '86	300,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 8, '86	200,000	COMPLETE
			(201,000)
	Jan. 5, '87	1,250,000	COMPLETE
	May 15, '87	500,000	
30. Algeria barley	Apr. 17, '86	500,000	Sold 36,000
29. Morocco dairy cattle	Apr. 16, '86	4,000 head	COMPLETE
28. Turkey dairy cattle	Apr. 16, '86	5,000 head	COMPLETE
27. Egypt dairy cattle	Apr. 16, '86	6,000 head	COMPLETE
	Sept. 12, '86	10,000 head	Sold 2,801
26. Yemen poultry feed	Apr. 14, '86	150,000	Sold 7,000
25. Yugoslavia wheat	Apr. 10, '86	200,000	COMPLETE
	June 24, '86	200,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 7, '86	500,000	Sold 213,050
24. Indonesia dairy cattle	Apr. 9, '86	7,500 head	COMPLETE
23. Syria wheat	Apr. 8, '86	700,000	CANCELLED
22. Benin wheat	Apr. 7, '86	45,000	Sold 30,000
21. Algeria table eggs	Apr. 4, '86	500 million	eggs
20. Iraq dairy cattle	Apr. 4, '86	6,500 head	Sold 1,435
19. Jordan wheat	Mar. 19, '86	75,000	COMPLETE
	June 20, '86	75,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 31, '86	225,000	COMPLETE
18. Tunisia wheat	Mar. 18, '86	300,000	COMPLETE
	Aug. 22, '86	800,000	Sold 300,000
17. Algeria wheat flour	Feb. 25, '86	100,000	
16. Algeria semolina	Feb. 11, '86	250,000	Sold 30,000
15. Philippines wheat	Jan. 7, '86	150,000	COMPLETE
			(152,400)
14. Zaire wheat	Dec. 27, '85	35,000	COMPLETE
	May 15, '86	45,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 17, '86	40,000	Sold 33,000
13. Nigeria barley malt	Dec. 10, '85	100,000	Sold 23,764
12. Iraq wheat flour	Dec. 9, '85	150,000	COMPLETE
	Jan. 7, '87	175,000	Sold 25,000
11. Egypt poultry	Nov. 26, '85	8,000	COMPLETE
	Mar. 21, '86	15,000	COMPLETE
	June 18, '86	5,000	COMPLETE
	July 8, '86	15,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 19, '86	25,000	Sold 12,500
	Feb. 27, '87	6,000	
10. Zaire wheat flour	Nov. 18, '85	64,000	COMPLETE
	May 15, '86	30,000	Sold 15,000
9. Philippines wheat flour	Nov. 15, '85	100,000	Sold 50,000

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EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM INITIATIVES (CONT)

8. Jordan rice	Nov. 8, '85	40,000	Sold 38,700
	Jan. 13, '87	60,000	
7. Turkey wheat	Oct. 16, '85	500,000	COMPLETE (506,600)
	May 8, '86	500,000	Sold 248,000
6. Morocco wheat	Sept. 30, '85	1,500,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 9, '86	790,000	Sold 260,000
5. Yemen wheat	Sept. 6, '85	100,000	COMPLETE
	Jan. 26, '87	100,000	Sold 25,000
4. Yemen wheat flour	Aug. 20, '85	50,000	COMPLETE
	Apr. 14, '86	100,000	COMPLETE
3. Egypt wheat	July 26, '85	500,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 30, '85	500,000	COMPLETE (512,500)
	June 24, '86	500,000	COMPLETE
	July 29, '86	52,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 8, '86	1,000,000	Sold 568,000
2. Egypt wheat flour	July 2, '85	600,000	COMPLETE
	Aug. 6, '86	600,000	
1. Algeria wheat (ex durum)	June 4, '85	1,000,000	COMPLETE
wheat (ex durum)	Apr. 10, '86	1,000,000	Sold 354,000
durum	Nov. 10, '86	300,000	COMPLETE
durum	Mar. 16, '87	300,000	Sold 236,000

EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM SUMMARY

Announced as of May 28, 1987

Announced to Date 27,915,680 tons grains and products (grain equivalent)
 758 million table eggs
 140,500 tons frozen poultry
 52,500 head dairy cattle
 25,000 tons vegetable oil

Sold to Date 14,875,059 tons wheat
 1,445,096 tons flour (grain equivalent)
 2,876,682 tons barley
 72,610 tons semolina (grain equivalent)
 64,996 tons barley malt (grain equivalent)
 106,000 tons sorghum
 38,700 tons rice
 7,000 tons poultry feed
 25,000 tons vegetable oil
 82,633 tons frozen poultry
 39,301 head dairy cattle
 54,572,004 table eggs

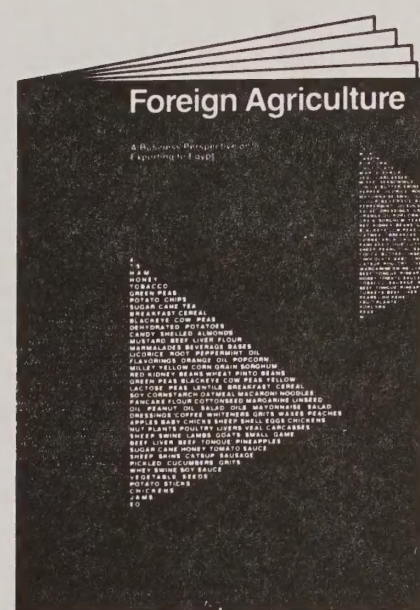
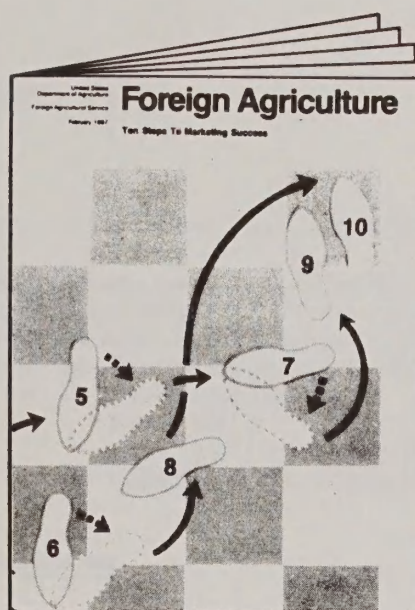
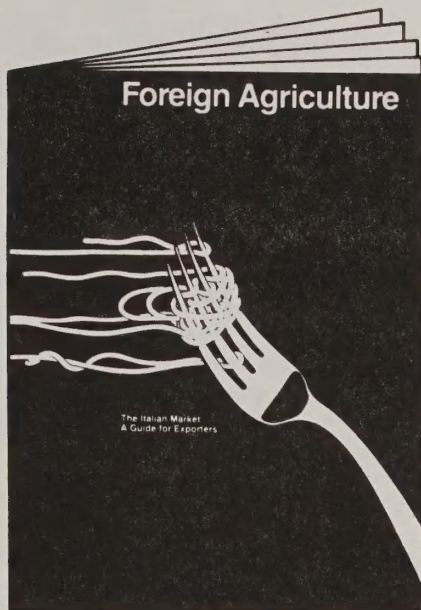
Total Sales Value: \$1,816.7 million
 Estimated Bonus Book Value: \$1,211.3 million
 Market Value of Awards: \$858.6 million

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Item	:	June 2, 1987	:	Change from	:	A year
	:		:	a week ago	:	ago
ROTTERDAM PRICES 1/		\$ per MT	\$ per bu.	\$ per MT		\$ per MT
Wheat:						
Canadian No. 1 CWRS-13.5%.		146.00	3.97	-0-		N.Q.
U.S. No. 2 DNS/NS: 14%....		138.00	3.76	-3.00		154.00
U.S. No. 2 S.R.W.		130.50	3.55	-2.00		120.00
No. 3 H.A.D.....10/		163.00	4.44	-5.00		176.00
Canadian No. 1 A: Duruml1/		160.00	4.35	+1.00		N.Q.
Feed grains:						
U.S. No. 3 Yellow Corn....		96.50	2.45	+0.50		119.00
Soybeans and meal:						
U.S. No. 2 Yellow.....12/		221.65	6.03	-4.60		211.20
Brazil 47/48% Soya Pellets13/		211.00	--	+1.00		187.00
U.S. 44% Soybean Meal..14/		202.00	--	-3.00		179.50
U.S. FARM PRICES 3/						
Wheat.....		92.58	2.52	-4.04		94.05
Barley.....		67.52	1.47	-3.67		65.68
Corn.....		66.54	1.69	+1.57		94.09
Sorghum.....		57.98	2.63 2/	-2.87		90.39
Broilers.....		989.42	--	-83.33		1,251.77
EC IMPORT LEVIES						
Wheat 5/.....		228.95	6.23	-5.85		160.60
Barley.....		223.20	4.86	-3.60		154.70
Corn.....		205.35	5.22	-3.85		143.40
Sorghum.....		213.40	5.42	-4.10		150.80
Broilers 4/ 6/ 8/.....		520.00	--	+1.00		334.00
EC INTERVENTION PRICES 7/ 9/						
Common wheat(feed quality)		220.10	5.99	-0-		191.60
Bread wheat (min. quality)		230.35	6.27	-2.10		203.45
Maize.....		230.35	5.85	-2.10		203.45
Barley and all other feed grains, excluding maize.		220.10	--	-2.00		191.60
Broilers 4/ 6/.....		1,544.00	--	-67.00		1,388.00
EC EXPORT RESTITUTIONS (subsidies)						
Wheat		N.Q.	--	--		N.A.
Barley.....		N.Q.	--	--		N.A.
Broilers 4/ 6/ 8/.....		423.00	--	+1.00		246.00

1/ Asking prices in U.S. dollars for imported grain and soybeans, c.i.f., Rotterdam. 2/ Hundredweight (CWT). 3/ Five-day moving average. 4/ EC category--70 percent whole chicken. 5/ Reflects lower EC export subsidy--down to 20.00 ECU/100 bag effective 9/14/83 from 22.50 ECU/100 bag set in 2/83. 6/ F.o.b. price for R.T.C. broilers at West German border. 7/ Reference price. 8/ Reflects change in level set by EC. 9/ Changes may be due partly to exchange rate fluctuations and/or ECU payments. 10/ July shipment. 11/ September/October shipment. 12/ October shipment. 13/June/September shipment. 14/ October/December shipment. N.A.=None authorized. N.Q.=Not quoted. Note: Basis June delivery.



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